

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application.

Claims 1-6 are currently being amended.

Claims 7-28 are being added.

After amending the claims as set forth above, Claims 1-28 are now pending in this application, of which Claims 1, 7, 18, and 21 are independent.

Amendment to the Claims

Claims 1-6 have been amended to place them in a form more commonly used in the United States.

New Claims

Claims 7-28 have been added. Claims 7-28 are believed to be supported by the application as originally filed and are not believed to add any new matter. Claims 7-28 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

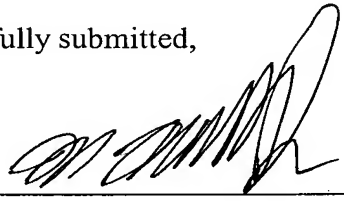
Conclusion

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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